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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The Government have examined the question and consider that no revision of the rates of travelling allowance is called for at present."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" While the revision of travelling allowance in the case of others is called for, why, in the case of peons alone, whose allowances are so small, should the Government consider it is not necessary?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" There has been revision from time to time; once in 1943 and then again in 1945. The question of raising the daily allowance of peons is considered by the Government from time to time."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister again consider the question now that the cost of living has gone up so high?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The present rates as compared with 1943 are very favourable."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The Hon. Minister said that there was a revision in 1945; now it is 1947 and we are getting into 1948 and the cost of living is going high."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The present rates are quite satisfactory."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to have the question re-examined; I do not suggest that he should grant my request."

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" As I said, from time to time they are being examined; even 3 or 4 days ago, peons going up to Delhi had their travelling allowance revised and enhanced."

Bus stop in front of Central Station.

* 31 *Q.*—SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the bus stop in front of the Central Station has been shifted away from the station; and if so, why; and

(*b*) whether it is proposed to shift it to a place as near the station as possible for the convenience of the mufassal passengers?

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" (*a*) In order to avoid heavy congestion of traffic which was occurring in front of the Central Railway Station, the bus stops for buses of different routes were re-fixed by the Secretary, Road Traffic Board, Madras, with effect from 25th May 1946 as shown below :—

(i) All suburban buses from Saidapet, Alandur, Lattice Bridge, Pallavaram, Poonamallee and Villivakkam to stop at the present bus stop at the Central Station on the inside of the island.

(ii) All the City buses of routes 1, 3, 4, 5 and 11 which proceed east along General Hospital Road to stop opposite to the M. & S.M. Railway Office.

(iii) All City buses of routes 7, 9, 10, 15 and 17 which proceed east along General Hospital Road to stop near the 'Out Gate' of the M. & S.M. Railway Office.

(iv) Mufassal buses bound for Broadway bus stand, to stop at the Bible Society Bus Stop, if necessary.

(v) All City buses of route 2 from Triplicane to stop at the Wall Tax Road Bus Stop.

"(b) No alteration of the present arrangement is contemplated as it is reported that it has been working satisfactorily for more than a year."

State aid to companies manufacturing or assembling radio sets.

* 32 Q.—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have granted State aid to any company manufacturing or assembling radio sets;

(b) if so, what the conditions are under which such aid was given;

(c) whether those conditions have been fulfilled by the said companies;

(d) whether the necessity to take over the management of the companies ever arose and if so what arrangements have been made to safeguard the interests of the State; and

(e) whether there have been cases where the Government have lost their monies either due to mismanagement of the company or unsuccessful working of the industry?

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"(a) Government have taken shares of the value of Rs. 2 (two) lakhs in the Radio and Electricals, Limited, Madras, which is a company formed for the purpose of manufacturing radio sets.

"(b) The Government took shares in the concern on the following conditions :—

(1) That there should be two Government Directors on the Board of management of the company;

(2) that the appointment of the company's auditor should be subject to the approval of Government;

(3) that the rule relating to the retirement of directors should not be applicable to Government Directors; and

(4) that, for shares subscribed by the Government, there must be not less than an equal number of shares taken up and fully paid by other shareholders.

"(c) The above conditions have been fulfilled.